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A complete listing of regulations and legal descriptions are available on our Web site: www.michigan.gov/dnr.

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Major Changes for 2007

- ❑ The application period for bear and elk will change next year. Beginning in 2008, the application period for bear and elk will be May 1-June 1.
- ❑ Two bills currently in the Michigan Legislature would phase in an increase in hunting and fishing license fees over a six-year period. If approved, the increases are not retroactive to hunters and anglers who already purchased their licenses for the 2007-2008 license year. See the DNR Web site for more information.
- ❑ Beaver and otter management unit designations have changed. See page 42.
- ❑ The use of traps with teeth or serrations is illegal.
- ❑ Hunting fox and coyotes from elevated platforms is permitted from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
- ❑ Bait rules for trapping have changed. See page 38.
- ❑ Youth hunters may take an antlerless deer on a firearm or combination license during the youth firearm deer season.

Reminders for 2007

- ❑ Report your deer and turkey hunting activity online.
- ❑ Hunters are limited to three private land antlerless deer licenses, of which no more than two may be purchased for Zones 1 and 2 combined.
- ❑ A landowner's telephone number is required to purchase a private land antlerless license.
- ❑ For Zones 1 and 2 there is a 40 contiguous acre, under one ownership, requirement to purchase a private land antlerless license, except in the TB special management units.
- ❑ Out-of-state deer and elk hunters – see import restriction on pages 17-18.
- ❑ You may purchase one archery deer license AND one firearm deer license OR one combination license. It is unlawful to purchase additional archery, firearm or combination licenses.
- ❑ If you are planning to hunt migratory birds (ducks, geese, woodcock, snipe, rails, etc.) this fall, you must have the HIP endorsement. See page 30.
- ❑ A free kill tag is required for bobcat, otter, fisher and marten.

Hunter Harassment

Hunters in Michigan have the right to enjoy their sport free from deliberate interference. Individuals whose hunting is being obstructed should promptly report the violation to a local conservation officer, the nearest DNR Operations Service Center or by calling 800-292-7800. Complaints also can be submitted online at www.michigan.gov/dnr.

Sportsperson Discount

A 15 percent discount is provided when four or more hunting or fishing licenses are purchased at one time for the same person. These licenses must be purchased in the same transaction. The waterfowl hunting license, 24-hour fishing license and all-species upgrade license are not eligible for this discount.

REPORT ALL POACHING

Call: 800-292-7800

Hunting License Fees

Note: Apprentice hunting licenses cost the same as the corresponding regular hunting license shown below. Check with your license agent.

License Number	License Type	Minimum Age	Fee
000	DNR Sportcard		\$1.00
Deer*			
140	Resident Firearm Deer	12	\$15.00
141	Senior Firearm Deer (residents only)	65	\$6.00
145	Resident Archery Deer	17 ³	\$15.00
146	Senior Archery Deer (residents only)	65	\$6.00
147	Junior Archery Deer	10-16	\$7.50
142	Nonresident Firearm Deer	17 ¹	\$138.00
148	Nonresident Archery Deer	17 ¹	\$138.00
340	Combination Deer Resident	17 ³	\$30.00
341	Combination Deer Senior	65	\$12.00
342	Combination Deer Junior	10-16 ²	\$15.00
343	Combination Deer Nonresident	17 ¹	\$276.00

Fur Harvester-Valid through March 31, 2008

190	Resident Fur Harvester	17 ³	\$15.00
191	Senior Fur Harvester (residents only)	65	\$6.00
192	Junior Fur Harvester	10-16	\$7.50
195	Junior Fur Harvester (trap only)	up to 16	\$7.50
193	Nonresident Fur Harvester	17 ¹	\$150.00

Small Game-Valid through March 31, 2008 except 3-day licenses

130	Resident Small Game	17 ³	\$15.00
131	Senior Small Game (residents only)	65	\$6.00
132	Junior Small Game	10-16	\$1.00
133	Nonresident Small Game	17 ¹	\$69.00
134	3-Day Nonresident Small Game	17	\$30.00

Gamebird Hunting Preserve-Valid through March 31, 2008

139	Gamebird Hunting Preserve	10	\$15.00
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*These hunting licenses expire at the end of the season for which they are issued.

¹ Nonresidents under age 17 may purchase resident licenses.

² Not valid for 10- and 11-year-olds unless archery only hunting.

³ Residents and nonresidents under age 17 may purchase the junior license at reduced price. See page 33 for exceptions.

Restricted Hunting Applications

Applications for restricted hunt drawings (bear, elk, antlerless deer, turkey and waterfowl) may be purchased during the designated application period from licensed agents or online at www.michigan.gov/dnr.

Application Period

Spring Wild Turkey Hunting	January 1-February 1
Bear Hunting	May 1-June 1
Elk Hunting	May 1-June 1
Antlerless Deer Hunting	July 15-August 15
Fall Wild Turkey Hunting	July 1-August 1
Reserved Waterfowl Hunts	August 1-28

License Information

Regular hunting or fur harvester license

To purchase a regular hunting or fur harvester license, you must have one of the following:

- ❑ A valid Michigan Driver License.
- ❑ A valid Michigan ID Card (issued by the Secretary of State) with additional proof of Michigan residency, such as a Michigan voter registration card.
- ❑ A Michigan DNR Sportcard (issued through license agents or DNR Web site). If the information on your DNR Sportcard from a previous year is still accurate, you should continue to use it.

In order to purchase a regular hunting license, all hunters born on or after January 1, 1960, also must present their hunter safety certificate, previous hunting license or sign their license in the presence of the license agent. This also applies to hunters who intend to hunt furbearers under a fur harvester license.

- ❑ All licenses must be signed to be valid. Your signature certifies that you meet the residency and hunter safety requirements to purchase the license.
- ❑ When hunting or trapping, you must carry your license and the identification used to purchase that license.
- ❑ It is illegal to use another person's hunting license.

Note: A junior fur harvester-trap only license is available for youngsters who do not satisfy the training requirements for purchasing a hunting license. To qualify for any adult resident hunting or fur harvester license, you must meet one of the following criteria:

- ❑ Reside in a settled or permanent home or domicile within the boundaries of this state with the intention of remaining in this state.
- ❑ Be a full-time student at a Michigan college or university.
- ❑ Serve full time in the U.S. Military and be officially stationed in Michigan.

The ownership of land in Michigan by itself is not a qualification for a resident license.

Persons serving in the U.S. Military, who, at the time of enlistment, were residents of Michigan and who have maintained resident status for the purposes of obtaining a driver license or voting and who are stationed outside the state, may purchase any hunting license that does not require a separate application for \$1. The individual must present leave papers, duty papers, military orders or other evidence verifying that he or she is stationed outside the state, and a Michigan Driver License or voter registration. These licenses, available at all license agents and DNR Operations Service Centers, are valid for up to two weeks during the established season. The license buyer can designate the exact hunting period.

Apprentice Hunting License

A person who does not have a hunter safety certificate may purchase an apprentice hunting license. To purchase this license you must have, in your own name, a valid Michigan Driver License, state of Michigan ID card or DNR Sportcard. An apprentice hunter may purchase this license for two license years before he or she must successfully complete a hunter safety course. The apprentice hunting license is available to residents and nonresidents.

Apprentice hunters under age 17, when afield, must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or someone 21 or older designated by their parent or guardian. This individual must possess a valid, regular hunting license to hunt the same game as the apprentice hunter. "Accompanied by" requires the adult to be able to come to the immediate aid of the other person and staying within a distance from the other person that permits uninterrupted, unaided visual and verbal contact.

Apprentice hunters 17 and older, when afield, must be accompanied by someone 21 or older, who possesses a valid, regular hunting license to hunt the same game as the apprentice hunter.

A person may accompany no more than two apprentice hunters while hunting.

Special Rules for Young Hunters (10-16 Years of Age)

See page 30 for Youth Hunting Opportunities.

Hunters can be licensed at age 10. A hunter must be at least 12 years old to hunt deer, bear or elk with a firearm. Hunters age 12-13 may hunt deer, bear or elk with a firearm only on private land, including lands enrolled in the Commercial Forest program.

Exception: Everyone 10 or older is required to have a license to hunt when participating in a bear or bobcat hunt with dogs.

To obtain a regular hunting license, your parent or guardian must accompany you to a license agent. You must fill out an application and present your Michigan hunter safety certificate at this time. For information on hunter safety classes, check the DNR Web site at www.michigan.gov/dnr, or contact the nearest DNR Operations Service Center (back cover).

Hunters under age 17, when afield, other than on land where their parent or guardian lives, must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or someone 18 or older designated by their parent or guardian. "Accompanied by" requires the adult to be able to come to the immediate aid of the other person and staying within a distance from the other person that permits uninterrupted, unaided visual and verbal contact.

Nonresidents under the age of 17 may purchase resident and junior licenses.

The minimum age requirements for all licenses are listed on page 4. Youngsters who apply for a license through a drawing must be the minimum age when the license is purchased.

Resident junior archery deer hunting, junior small game, and junior fur harvester licenses are available to resident and nonresident hunters, ages 10-16, and grant the same privileges as the adult licenses.

Lost Licenses and Hunter Safety Certificates

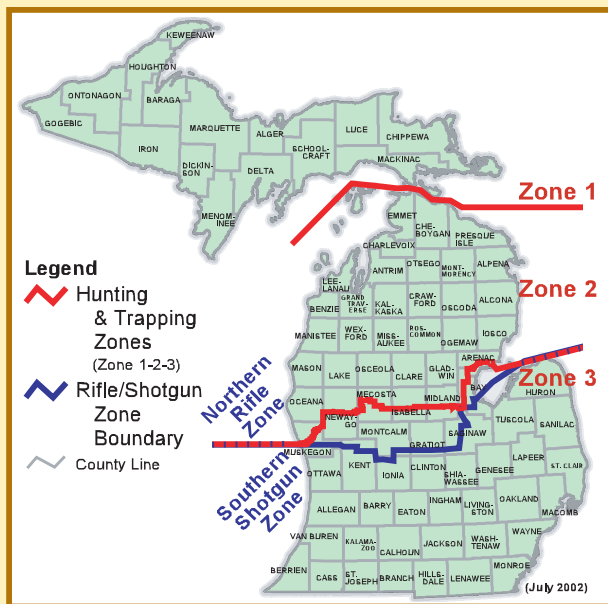
If you lose your Michigan fishing, hunting or fur harvester license, you may purchase a replacement at any license agent. You must provide the ID number used to purchase the original license. The full price will be charged to replace any license with a kill tag. All other licenses cost \$3 to be replaced.

If you lose a private land antlerless deer license, contact a DNR Operations Service Center.

For a replacement Michigan hunter safety certificate, contact a DNR Operations Service Center or call 517-373-3292.

Hunting and Trapping and Rifle/Shotgun Zones

Michigan is divided into Hunting and Trapping Zones 1-2-3. Zone 1 includes all of the Upper Peninsula. The dividing line between Zones 2 and 3 is: From the Lake Michigan shoreline north of Muskegon Lake easterly on Memorial Drive to Ruddiman Drive to Lake Avenue, easterly on Lake Avenue to M-120 in North Muskegon, northeasterly on M-120 to M-20, easterly on M-20 to US-10, easterly on US-10 to Garfield Road in Bay County, northerly on Garfield Road to Pinconning Road, easterly on Pinconning Road to Seven Mile Road, northerly on Seven Mile Road to Lincoln School Road (County Road 25) in Arenac County, northerly on Lincoln School Road to M-61, easterly on M-61 to US-23, easterly on US-23 to center line of Au Gres River, southerly along center line of Au Gres River to Saginaw Bay, easterly 90 degrees east for 7 miles into Saginaw Bay, then northerly 78 degrees east to the International Boundary.



Exception: The waterfowl hunting zone lines differ from those above. Refer to the 2007-2008 Waterfowl Hunting Guide for zone descriptions.

Michigan also is divided into a northern rifle zone where rifles may be used for firearm deer hunting and a southern shotgun zone where only shotguns, muzzleloading rifles and certain handguns may be used (see page 9). The dividing line between the northern rifle deer hunting zone and the southern shotgun zone is as follows: Starting at a point on the Lake Michigan shoreline directly west of M-46, then easterly to M-46, then easterly along M-46 to US-131 at Cedar Springs, southerly on US-131 to M-57, easterly on M-57 to Montcalm Road on the Kent-Montcalm county line, southerly on Montcalm Road and the Kent-Ionia county line to M-44, easterly on M-44 to M-66, northerly on M-66 to M-57, easterly on M-57 to M-52 near Chesaning, northerly on M-52 to M-46, easterly on M-46 to M-47, northerly on M-47 to US-10 west of Bay City, easterly on US-10 to I-75, northerly on I-75 and US-23 to Beaver Road (about 1 mile north of Kawkawlin), easterly to Saginaw Bay, north 50 degrees east to the International Boundary.

Online Hunter Harvest Surveys

Accurate and complete information on hunting activity is vital for sound wildlife management. Deer hunters and turkey hunters are encouraged to report their hunting activity after their season has ended online at www.michigan.gov/dnr. These surveys are the same as those traditionally mailed to randomly selected hunters. The online reporting option now allows all hunters to participate.

Townships with Hunting Restrictions

- ❑ No hunting with firearms in Oakland County townships of Auburn, West Bloomfield, Bloomfield, Farmington, Southfield and Waterford. (State lands in Waterford Township are open.)
- ❑ No hunting with firearms in Macomb County townships of Clinton, Sterling or Harrison.
- ❑ No hunting with firearms in Wayne County townships of Redford and Northville, and in the city of Detroit, including waters of the Detroit River.
- ❑ Grosse Ile Township in Wayne County is closed to all hunting.

Parts of townships in these counties are closed to hunting or restricted to types of firearms or the discharge of firearms as posted: Alcona, Arenac, Barry, Berrien, Crawford, Dickinson, Eaton, Emmet, Genesee, Iosco, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Livingston, Macomb, Manistee, Mason, Oakland, Otsego, Ottawa, Presque Isle, Saginaw, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne. (These areas are posted with the restrictions.) For descriptions, contact the appropriate township clerk or township police department.

Firearm and Bow and Arrow Rules

The rules listed below may not apply to a person having a concealed pistol license or a person specifically exempt by law from a concealed pistol license and who carries their handgun in accordance with their license or exemption.

Shell Capacity for Shotguns and Centerfire Rifles

It is unlawful to hunt with a semi-automatic shotgun or semi-automatic rifle, other than a .22 caliber rimfire, that can hold more than six shells in the barrel and magazine combined. Fully automatic firearms are illegal. All shotguns used for migratory game birds (including woodcock) must be plugged so the total capacity of the shotgun does not exceed three shells.

Archery Deer Seasons

During the archery deer seasons, it is illegal to carry afield a pistol, revolver or other firearm while bow hunting for deer, unless the individual is properly licensed to hunt deer with a firearm and is hunting in an area open to firearm deer hunting.

Exceptions: This prohibition does not apply to pistols carried under authority of a concealed pistol license or properly carried under authority of a specific exception from the requirement of a concealed pistol license. This does not authorize the individual to use the pistol to take game except as provided by law. During the special antlerless firearm deer seasons, a firearm deer hunter may carry afield a bow and arrow or firearm.